



Mr. Donnie Ray ("Boonie") Marshall

January 28, 1953 - July 31, 2011

Mr. Donnie Ray "Boonie" Marshall was born in Independence, La. on January 28, 1953 to the late Ms. Viola Marshall and the late Mr. Woodrow Lockett. He attended Greenville Park High School, later deciding to attend Job Corps to become a tailor. He was a member of the Church of the living God in Hammond, La. and was baptized in his youth. In the early 1970's, Boonie moved to the state of Michigan where he fathered and reared his six children for whom he exhibited a particular and special love; Mr. Donnie Ray "Lil Boonie" Marshall, Jr., Ms. Donna Marie Marshall, Donyelle Marshall, Donald Ray Marshall, Donovan, all of Kalamazoo, MI, and Ms. Donnesha Marshall of Muskegon, MI. He is the proud grandfather of three grandchildren, Mr. Darkeese Marshall (Donnie Ray, Jr.), Tamyia Marshall (Donnesha), and Xavier Marshall (Donna Marie).

Boonie was gainfully employed at several proprietaries in the Kalamazoo area, including TGI Friday's, Olga's, and at the NACD as the groundskeeper. He was an avid player of Dominos and was fond of animals, but of dogs in particular. His greatest loving and joy filled moments was when he was among his family. He regularly went out of his way to bond with all of his family members, visiting even if there was no holiday and promoting togetherness and strong family associations. His loving ways went beyond family bonds to include a host of friends and close associates who adored him and enjoyed his great sense of humor. His greatest desire was to know all of his family members and for them to know and love each other. He spent his last decade

with his tender companion, Doris Abbott, who referred to him as "Don". Doris shared all of his familial moments; visiting family and being affectionate toward his children. She was a steadfast partner, caring for him through his final hours.

Boonie was preceded in death by his parents, Viola Marshall and Woodrow Lockett; his brother, Leroy Wesby; three sisters, Julia (Fayne) Wesby, Alice (Davis) Wesby, and Catherine (Barze) Wesby. He is survived by his spouse, Mrs. Jacqueline Marshall; his sisters, Mary Barze, Nancy Jackson, Ola Mae Barze, and Hattie Mae Freeman; his children, grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Boonie will be remembered and loved by those who knew him best. The family expresses special thanks to his intimate caregivers Doris Abbott and Sabrina Marshall for their kind and attentive services to him and for their warm reception of all who desired to visit and spend time with him.

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Donnie Ray ("Boonie") Marshall



Harper Funeral Home - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Donnie Ray ("Boonie") Marshall

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Donnie Ray ("Boonie") Marshall

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Sabrina Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Ray ("Boonie") Marshall



Sabrina Marshall - July 25, 2018 at 06:45 AM

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“ Uncle Boonie was the suave one in the family. I shall never forget when I first moved back to Louisiana, I was 10 years old and everybody else had a pellet gun but me. Boonie sent me the money for my 11th birthday to buy me a pellet gun. I will always have a special place in my heart. Funny, when he heard I had become, he told me he was going to come and be my deacon and watch my back. Never became my deacon but he did get to hear me preach a few times. Till we meet again, RIP Uncle Boonie. - Mack M. Jackson, III

Bishop Mack M. Jackson, III - August 11, 2011 at 08:04 PM



“ I remember years ago when Boonie visited Louisiana and left me some black T.G.I.F. suspenders and told me that they will look better on me. LOL
{Pastor Landrews}

ShaRon Landrews - August 09, 2011 at 09:31 AM

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“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Ray ("Boonie") Marshall



Pauline Gardner - August 07, 2011 at 03:22 PM

DA

keeping you in my heart

Doris Abbott - August 13, 2011 at 02:59 PM